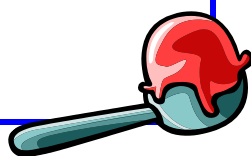


THE COUNTY SCOOP



GALLATIN COUNTY

August 10, 2011

A Double Graduation in the Gallatin County Treatment Court Program

Inside this issue:

Double Graduations	1
Classified Ads	2
Welcomes and Farewells	2
Gun Safety Locks	2
Immunization Information	2
A Day in August	3
Recycling News	4
Quilt Raffle for Belgrade Youth Forum	5
HR News	6

On July 15th, 2011, Ray Allen and Steve Perry stood before District Court Judge John Brown and District Court Judge Mike Salvagni for the last time as participants of Gallatin County's Treatment Court Program.

Both of the graduates had entered the program on January 29th, 2010. Both had done extremely well, and after 532 days, both were graduating from Treatment Court.

As participants, both participated in Court Service's "color line" program. The "color line" is a random testing program where participants call Court Services every day to see if their assigned "color" is scheduled for testing. If their "color" is scheduled for testing, the participant is required to report to Court Services between the hours of 7 am and 8:30 am for drug and alcohol testing.

In the 532 days the participants were involved in the program, 270 random drug and alcohol tests were completed between the two participants.

The participants were also required to pay for and complete chemical dependency counseling as needed, attend self-help groups, maintain employment, pay restitution to victims and obey all laws.

According to the National Association of Drug Court Professionals, specialty courts such as Drug Court are the most studied programs of all criminal justice programs. Just some of the results the studies have concluded are:

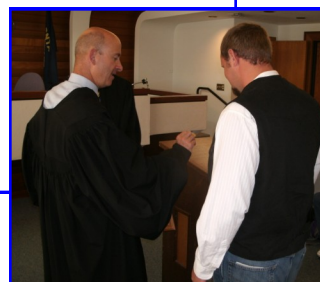
- ◆ Rigorous studies examining long-term outcomes of individual Drug Courts have found that reductions in crime last at least 3 years and can endure for over 14 years.
- ◆ The most rigorous and conservative scientific "meta-analyses" have all concluded that Drug Courts significantly reduce crime as much as 35 percent more than other sentencing options.
- ◆ Nationwide, for every \$1.00 invested in Drug Court, taxpayers save as much as \$3.36 in avoided criminal justice costs alone.
- ◆ When considering other cost offsets such as savings from reduced victimization and health-care service utilization, studies have shown benefits range up to \$12 for every \$1 invested.
- ◆ Drug Courts produce cost savings ranging from \$4,000 to \$12,000 per client. These cost savings reflect reduced prison costs, reduced revolving-door arrests and trials, and reduced victimization.
- ◆ Unless substance abusing/addicted offenders are regularly supervised by a judge and held accountable, 70% drop out of treatment prematurely.
- ◆ Drug Courts provide more comprehensive and closer supervision than other community-based supervision programs.
- ◆ Children of Family Drug Court participants spend significantly less time in out-of-home placements such as foster care.

For Ray and Steve, the rewards mean more than the statistics. Both commented that they appreciate their new found lives being drug and alcohol free, having jobs, safe places to live, good friends and good relationships with their families!

By: Steve Ette, Treatment Court Coordinator/Court Services Director



(Top): A hug from Judge John Brown



(Left) Judge John Brown awards the Graduation Coin and Plaque

CLASSIFIED ADS

- ♦ **FOR SALE:** 8 ½ W Black Hush Puppies Ballet dress flats - \$29.97 – brand new still in box. They don't fit me and I don't feel like shipping them back – Maureen @ CAO's - 3740.
- ♦ **FOR SALE:** Beautiful 3156 sq/ft Springhill home (built in 2000) on 5 acres w/stunning 360 degree mountain views. 4bdrm, 2.5 bath, 3 large decks, fruit trees and dozens of other mature trees and landscaping. 5.5 miles from Bozeman and Belgrade @ 7700 Springhill Rd. \$649,500. 388-9720

Montana Suicide Prevention Gun Safety Program

Gallatin City-County Health Department is participating in the state's gun safety program and is giving away gunlocks to the first 50 people who request them from our offices.

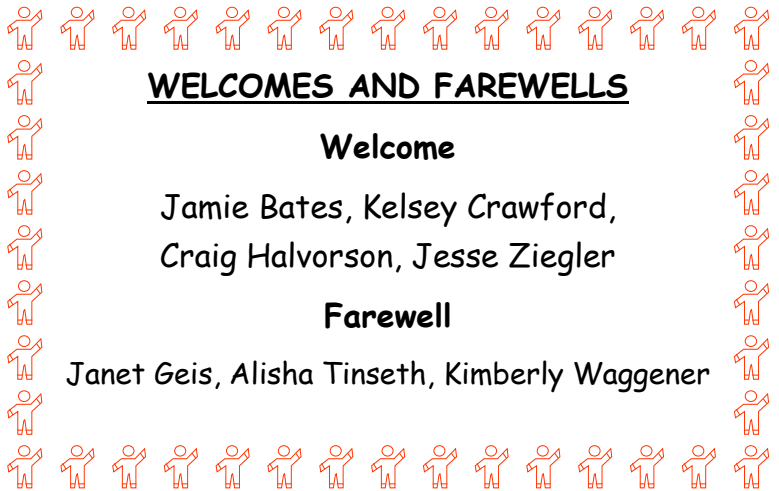
Thanks to funds awarded this spring to the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services through the Montana Mental Health Settlement Trust grant we are able to receive the gunlocks.

The free gunlocks are available from the Health Department until they are all gone.

The nearest way to glory is to
strive to be what you wish to
be thought to be.
~ Socrates

MOTOR POOL NEWS

There is a Motor Pool rate increase to .52/mile beginning July 1, 2011. If fuel prices drop significantly the rate will be lowered. Please contact Wendy at 582-3008 for Motor Pool questions or vehicle requests.



WELCOMES AND FAREWELLS

Welcome

Jamie Bates, Kelsey Crawford,
Craig Halvorson, Jesse Ziegler

Farewell

Janet Geis, Alisha Tinseth, Kimberly Waggener

BACK TO SCHOOL IMMUNIZATIONS

The health department is offering all routine childhood immunizations at our special back to school clinics.

Appointments are available on the following special dates and times:

Saturday August 20th from 9am-12pm

Monday August 22nd thru Friday August 26th 9am-12pm and 1pm to 3pm

Monday the 22nd and Wednesday the 24th from 4pm-7pm



All immunization questions can be answered by a registered nurse at the time of your appointment.

Call 582-3100 to make an appointment.

Please bring your child's shot record to your appointment.

The health department now bills insurance.

Recommended childhood immunizations are covered 100% through county insurance.

Please bring your insurance card to your appointment.

Children who are uninsured or whose insurance does not cover immunizations may be eligible for vaccines at a reduced cost through the Vaccines For Children program.

A Day In August....

- August 1** - The first Olympic games opened in Berlin, Germany, 1936
- August 2** - The Persian Gulf War began, 1990
- August 3** - The first telephone conversation in which voices were bounced off the moon was accomplished by U.S. scientists, 1960.
- August 4** - The United States Department of Energy was created, 1977
- August 5** - The first federal income tax was levied, 1861
- August 6** - The United States dropped an Atomic Bomb on Hiroshima, Japan, 1945
- August 7** - The United States War Department was established by Congress, with Henry Knox as the first secretary of war, 1789
- August 8** - Thomas Edison received a patent for his mimeograph, 1876
- August 9** - The United States dropped an Atomic bomb on Nagasaki, Japan, 1945
- August 10** - The first commercial electric streetcar in America and the world was placed into operation in Baltimore. It ran from Oak Street to Roland Avenue to 40th Street.
- August 11** - The Watts, Los Angeles riots began, resulting in 35 people killed, 1965
- August 12** - The United States Postal system became independent, 1970
- August 13** - The coin operated telephone was patented, 1889
- August 14** - The Social Security Act was passed by Congress, 1935
- August 15** - The Berlin Wall was created, 1961.
- August 16** - Baseball great Babe Ruth died, 1948 and Singer Elvis Presley died at his home, "Graceland," in Memphis, Tennessee at the age of 42, 1977
- August 17** - Hurricane *Camille* killed more than 300 people and left 70,000 homeless in Mississippi, Louisiana and Alabama, 1969.
- August 18** - The Copyright law was created by Congress, 1856.
- August 19** - Caesar Augustus died, A.D. 14
- August 20** - The first licensed radio broadcast occurred, 1920
- August 21** - Hawaii was admitted to the Union, 1959 (50th)
- August 22** - The record player was patented, 1906
- August 23** - Floods created by Hurricane *Camille* killed about 100 people in Virginia, 1969.
- August 24** - A patent for a motion picture camera, the first of its kind, was filed by Thomas A. Edison, 1892.
- August 25** - The National Park Service was established, 1916
- August 26** - The 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was ratified, 1920
- August 27** - The Revolutionary War Battle of Long Island was fought, 1776
- August 28** - The last day of the Roman Empire, 476
- August 29** - The Beatles concluded their fourth American tour with their last public concert at Candlestick Park, San Francisco, 1966
- August 30** - The Economic Opportunity Act was signed by President Johnson, providing for youth programs, community action anti-poverty measures in rural areas, small business loans, job training and a job corps for youths, 1964.
- August 31** - Lady Diana, Princess of Wales and her companion Dodi Al Fayed died tragically in a car crash in Paris, France, 1997

Go Green for Back to School!!!!

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN. SUMMER IS COMING TO AN END AND KIDS ARE GETTING READY TO GO BACK TO SCHOOL. BUT BEFORE YOU JUMP IN THE CAR AND RUN TO BUY ALL THOSE SCHOOL SUPPLIES. STOP AND THINK ABOUT WHAT CAN THEY REUSES THIS SCHOOL YEAR!!!!



REUSE

Backpack: To make your backpack look new add some cool decorations like patches.

Lunchbox: You can do the same thing with your lunch box by adding some new decorations to it.

Pens and Pencils: If you still have your pens and pencils from last year just add them to your pencil box.

Markers and Crayons: If they are still good from last year why not just reuse them this year?

You can also be green by biking or walking to school, taking a reusable water bottle to school or by buying recycled products.



Win this Beautiful Quilt!

Belgrade Youth Forum Fundraiser

The mission of the Belgrade Youth Forum (BYF) is to promote positive youth development by engaging youth, parents, schools, and community to create opportunities for youth to thrive and succeed.

BYF is a community based coalition of agencies including, Gallatin City-County Health Department, working together to create alternative activities and increase opportunities for Belgrade Youth, enhance school-parent-youth community relationships, and prevent alcohol and drug use.



"Stepping Stones" Quilt
Made by the Gallatin Quilters guild

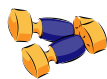


\$5 each or 5 for \$20

Purchase tickets for this fundraiser at Belgrade and Bozeman's Farmers Markets, from BYF members or email: **Shelly Colvin, Gallatin City County Health Dept.**
shellycolvin@bresnan.net

Drawing will be held September 24, 2011. Need not be present to win!

Thank you for supporting the Belgrade Youth Forum!



Quick Tips for Getting More Exercise



Here you'll find 10 easy ways to build more exercise into your everyday life.

~**Make a morning or an evening walk part of your daily routine.** Even 20 minutes of brisk walking can burn calories, protect your heart, and give you more energy.

~**Instead of trying to fit in a 30-minute workout, try to do three 10-minute sessions each day.** Research shows that this provides many of the same benefits of a concentrated session.

~**Exercise as a family.** Find ways to be active together, such as exploring a nearby park on the weekend, going for a bike ride around your neighborhood, or even just turning on some music and dancing around your house.

~**Sign up for a class.** Classes are a great way to start an exercise routine. Look into classes at your community adult education center or the local Y.

~**Make it a habit to walk whenever you can.** Park at the far end of the parking lot or down the street from your destination. Walk to a friend's house instead of driving. Take the stairs instead of the elevator.

~**Try scheduling a walking meeting with a co-worker.** Instead of sitting in a conference room together, ask a co-worker to join you for a walking meeting when you have something you need to discuss.

~**Plan vacations and trips with physical activity in mind.** Choose destinations that have places you can explore on foot. You may be surprised by how well you can get to know a new place when you take the time to walk around.

~**Ask a friend to be your "exercise buddy."** Research shows that people who exercise with a friend tend to be active more regularly. So meet a friend for a regular walk, run, or bike ride, or sign up for a class together.

~**Exercise while you're watching TV.** Use the commercial breaks to lift weights, do sit-ups, stretch, or work out in other ways. You can easily fit in a half-hour of exercise or more during two one-hour shows.

~**Don't forget that regular housework and yard work count as physical activity.** Throw a little extra elbow grease into mowing the lawn, gardening, or cleaning the house and you'll get a good dose of exercise.

© 2007 Ceridian Corporation. All rights reserved. 041107

To all Gallatin County Employees

We now have a Nationwide 457 Deferred Compensation Plan Representative in Montana. The contact information is as follows:

Margaret Volpe-Rodgers
406-552-9727 Business Cell
volpem@nationwide.com

Please give Margaret a call with any questions you may have. Margaret will also be attending our Open Enrollment Sessions in November!!

